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SUBJ: PREFRE REPROCESSING

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IN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN THE PAST SEVEN MONTHS SETHNA HAS TOLD ME THAT THE IAEC IS USING ONLY SPENT FUEL FROM ITS OWN RESEARCH REACTORS AS THROUGHPUT AT THE PREFRE REPROCESSING PLANT. HE SAID THAT AS A RESULT OPERATIONS THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY SMALL SCALE, NOT MUCH MORE THAN WHAT IS

NECESSARY TO OBSVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE PLANT.

SETPKA EXPLAINED THAT BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS WITH THE

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CANADIANS OVER RAPP I AND II HE WAS NOT ANXIOUS TO BEGIN PROCESSING OF SPENT FUEL FROM RAPP I. HE SAID THAT INDIA NEEDED TO BE "HOLIER THAN THE POPE" IN USING MATERIAL GENERATED IN FOREIGN SUPPLIED REACTORS IN ITS REPROCESSING FACILITIES BECAUSE OF THE FUROR THAT HAD FOLLOWED THE 1974 NUCLEAR EXPLOSION. MOREOVER HE INDICATED THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE NEED TO REPROCESS

RAPP I SPENT FUEL EITHER TO FREE UP ADDITIONAL STORAGE CAPACITY OR TO GENERATE PLUTONIUM FOR THE BREEDER PROGRAM.

2. MOREOVER AS FAR AS I KNOW THE IAEC HAS NOT YET REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE IAEA ON SAFEGUARDING PREFRE WHICH, OF COURSE, WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE REPROCESSING OF RAPP I SPENT FUEL.

3. AS EMBASSY AWARE NO SPENT FUEL FROM TAPS HAS BEEN REPROCESSED AT PREFRE.

4. THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO OTHER SOURCES OF SPENT FUEL IN INDIA THAN THOSE MENTIONED ABOVE.

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